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Application of: Berger, Roger Confirmation No.: 7055
Application No.: 09/788,639 Art Unit: 3743
Filed: February 21, 2001 Examiner: Odland, Kathryn P.
For: OCCIPITAL PLATE AND Attorney Docket No: 8932-320-999
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL STABILIZATION

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.113
AND § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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Responsive to the Office action dated March 10, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-captioned application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and that the following remarks are proper.

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1-6, 8-21, 24-51,53-56, 58 and 60-75. No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this response. Should any fee(s) be required, however, please charge such fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.